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Once more England finds solace in her navy.

Every day adds to the strength of the Verdun defense and takes from the strength of the attackers.

If our old ex-friend "Punch" Villa were a baseball player, we should place him among the season's "hold outs."

The arrival at New York of a French freighter armed with a 75-millimeter gun was timed about right to disrupt the submarine negotiations between Germany and the United States.

Representative Frank L. Greene of Vermont, we feel sure, is one Republican in the national House who is not at all at ease under the party leadership of such a person as Representative Mann of Illinois.

The Dublin riot is perhaps the most disquieting thing that has occurred to Great Britain since the war started, especially disquieting because the blow was from the inside rather than from an outside foe.

Germany's so-called "Slav peril" has suddenly been transported from the eastern to the western border. And if the Russian reinforcements there reach the total of quarter of a million they will, indeed, become a peril.

The make-up of the Republican national convention, as at present constituted through primaries and conventions held in various states, indicates that there will be a splendid chance for running in a "dark horse" at some psychological moment. No one candidate for president stands head and shoulders above any other, as far as actual pledged votes is concerned.

If a concerted German-American voters' defection from Wilson is started in the United States it probably will be welcomed by Wilson because the reaction will mean the accumulation of vastly more votes from patriotic Americans than he would lose among the German-Americans. Such a German-American movement would be a fine thing for Wilson.

Colonel Roosevelt talks in a most Martian manner when he declares that he would lead his sons and one son-in-law and perhaps one other son-in-law into battle should the United States become embroiled in war. No doubt the sons and one son-in-law and perhaps one other son-in-law would be equally as patriotic as their illustrious family leader, but it is not certain whether they would deny to themselves all initiative whatever in this regard, being merely led, not leading shoulder to shoulder with the colonel. However, this is not to doubt Roosevelt's devotion to his country, for we believe that he is full of devotion.

The capture of Pablo Lopez by Carranza troops is an earnest of Carranza's desire to lead his efforts toward wiping out the Villa bandits; and it would be taken for its face value just as soon as this lieutenant of the Generalissimo Villa has been dealt with as his acts deserve. If Carranza will give other evidence of a similar nature, including perhaps the capture and punishment of Villa himself, it will be possible for the American people to believe what he says about having the ability to handle the Mexican rebellion as far as this particular rebel is concerned. By hastening to carry out these operations Carranza can build up his reputation in the United States very greatly, besides constructing a certain prestige for himself in his own country.

The lack of success attending the British war efforts on the Tigris river seems to indicate that the better fighting and better officered troops were retained for the defense of the allies' lines nearer home territory. At the same time it must be admitted that the operations on the Tigris river are more difficult because of the long distance from a base of supplies, or from loyal territory. That accounts in part for the meagre success against a foe which is conceded to be inferior to the Germans who are opposing the British on the western front. However, it seems almost certain that with the co-operation of the driving Russian troops in the north the British will be able to accomplish their purpose in Mesopotamia providing they are allowed time enough, because the Turks are growing weaker in resources with every month's continuance of the war.

The ordinary definition of a battle, as distinct from a war, is taken to mean a sustained attack and defense for a period of hours, or until one side or the other is forced to surrender or otherwise give up the conflict. But such a definition has become obsolete after the tremendous battle which has been waged about Verdun, France, since Feb. 21. The battle, for it can scarcely be called anything else inasmuch as the attack and the reply have been constant, is now well started on its third month and with hardly a noticeable diminution of ferocity. It goes without saying that this battle of Verdun will go down in history as the most noteworthy ever known; it



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already has far surpassed any previous battle in the number of men engaged and in the length of time continued. But the battle is yet far from completion.

THE LITTLE SALLIES OF THE GERMAN NAVY.

In the strictest interpretation of the expression, the German navy is not "bottled up." The ships are able to make forays from their bases and dash back again, as the fleet of warships did on April 25 when it approached the English coast and attacked for 20 minutes. But in the sense that the war vessels of the German empire have been rounded up from the high seas and driven, for protection, into German waters, the expression is accurate enough. That the combined fleet is able to come forth from that protection when it is designated that it should come forth goes without saying. It also goes without saying that the combined British and French navies will be ready to receive them in terrible combat. However, it does not seem likely that the German fleet will come forth till the end of the war, for it would be running into destruction to attempt to break forth from the present protection. Moreover, little good would be accomplished if some of the warships should break through the cordon of the entente ships because, alone or in small groups, the fugitive ships would be hunted down on the seven seas until they were run to port or destroyed, just as all fugitive German warships were put out of commission a year ago. So, for all practical results, the German navy, barring its submarines, is useless. Frightened dashes from a naval base to fire a few shots at England and then skittering back again will never accomplish anything, will not even harry the English people.

Tommie Knew.

"What is the meaning of the word 'purchase,' Tommie?"
"Don't know, pop."
"Why, suppose I was to give you mother \$10 to go and buy herself a bonnet; what would she do?"
"Have a fit, I guess."—Yonkers Statesman.

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PROPOSE MORE LIGHT FOR DEPOT SQUARE

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expected, City Engineer Lee will have prepared a diagram of several blocks in the business section with reference to their proximity to the street lighting.

Chief Sinclair filed his March report of proceedings in the police department, which documentary evidence of trials and tribulations was accepted. Eleven arrests, an uncommonly small number for March, were for the following causes: Intoxication 8, keeping intoxicating liquor, search and seizure and breach of peace, 1 each.

Wiring Inspector David Gilbertson reported favorably on the following applications and permits were granted: A. G. Comolli, to wire a barn for lights at 14 Comolli street; J. D. Osola, to wire for lights at 431 North Main street; McAllister & Boyce, to wire for lights in the Worthen block; Mrs. Mary Hunter, to wire house at 6 Prospect street; Mrs. F. H. Burke, to wire house on Maple avenue; A. H. Buzzell, to wire for lights at 12 Pearl street; F. C. Fisher, to wire for garage lights at 24 Averill street; James S. Wilson, for the city, to wire for stonecrusher motor at Jones Bros. plant.

A. H. Buzzell's request for a permit to repair a barn at 32 Summer street, was granted on the recommendation of the building inspector, with the provision that the interior walls be lined with iron. The building is to be used for automobiles. Mrs. Nina Abrieght's request for permission to build a store at 177 North Seminary street was referred to the street committee and permits were granted as follows: Mrs. O. J. Dodge, to build a dwelling house annex at 90 Railroad street; J. G. Calagni, to reshingle house at 1 Humbert street; Arthur Cole, to erect a two-tenement house on Short street, instead of a one-tenement house, as applied for last week. On the favorable report of the fire committee, J. G. McLeod was given a permit to erect a garage on Averill street, with the stipulation that the structure be lined with iron inside and outside. Arthur G. Miles, a South Main street poultry fancier, was given permission to transfer a hen house and a similar permit was granted to Mr. Williams on Washington street, with the understanding that the sites are approved by the inspector.

A bond indemnifying the state against expenses incident to travel and the wearing apparel of a person who seeks treatment in a sanatorium was signed by the mayor and aldermen. The following warrants were approved for payment: Street department payroll, \$344.30, permanent street, street, sprinkling, sewer, sidewalk, bridges and culverts and health accounts; fire department payroll, \$801.49; police department payroll, \$801.49; A. Bemis, \$14, services as janitor; city treasurer, \$48.18, paid out on the street superintendent's orders; Barre Savings Bank & Trust Co., \$15,000, 4 per cent refunding bonds, \$300, six months' interest on 4 per cent refunding bonds; water department, \$3.90, water rebates.

Investigation of a claim by Mrs. Dodge of Averill street that dogs were responsible for the death of one of her hens led to the drawing of a warrant for 75 cents in her favor. Alex. Duncan's complaint that dogs are making his hens unhappy was referred to the police committee.

CURRENT COMMENT

Criminal Inefficiency.

The chase for Villa into Mexico has brought absolute proof that the government's aviation service is a fraud on the republic and a serious reflection on those responsible for it. The machines are obsolete, those who attempt to fly in them take their lives in their hands, and six of the eight machines that crossed the border have been converted into junk.

It is a sorry tale of inefficiency where the highest efficiency should have prevailed. While other countries have taken advantage of every development in aeronautics for the benefit of their army service, and while the war in Europe has furnished powerful evidence for months that flying machines are now an absolute necessity, this country has been content to rely on antiquated aeroplanes which, on their first serious test, have failed miserably.

We rise with patriotic sentiment whenever the "Star Spangled Banner" is sung in public, but we sit idly by while the money of the taxpayers, which should be devoted to the cause of the taxpayers, is dissipated year after year in maintaining useless army posts and superfluous navy yards for purely political graft.—Boston Traveler.

JINGLES AND JESTS

Bruno—These blacksmiths are a crooked bunch.
Fido—Howzat?
Bruno—Forging all the time.—Tiger.

She—Don't you ever wear trains?
Another—No; my husband always puts his foot down on anything of that sort.—Record.

Floorwalker—Looking for something, madame?
Fat Lady—Husband.
Floorwalker—First aisle to your left—male order department.—Stanford Chaparral.

Stude (on the street car as conductor steps on his foot)—You don't handle your feet very well.
Conductor—What do you want for a nickel—Pavlova?—Yale Record.

FATIMA A Sensible Cigarette



MARRIAGE MAY BE NULL.

A Blow Being Struck at Bellows Falls as Gretna Green.

Quincy, Mass., April 26.—Couples who marry at Bellows Falls may be liable to arrest when they return to Massachusetts to live, particularly where the couples are under 18 years of age.

A clause in the Bay state laws makes such marriages null and void.

The discovery of the law is unusually interesting at this time. A week ago to-day Elizabeth Wightman, the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wightman of Hersey place and Peter John Hunt, 26 years, gunners mate on the United States submarine being made ready for delivery at the Fore River shipyard, went to that place and were married.

The text of the law, chapter 360, acts of 1913, approved March 26, section 1, states:

"If any person residing and intending to continue to reside in this state who is disabled or prohibited from contracting marriage under the laws of this state shall go into another state or country and there contract a marriage prohibited and declared void by the laws of this state, such marriage shall be null and void for all purposes in this state with the same effect as though such prohibited marriage had been entered into in this state."

There are two specific conditions under which such marriages may be illegal. These are of persons under 18 years of age who have not the consent of their parents and those under 18 years of age who have not the permission of a judge of the probate court. Persons over 18 years of age have but little to fear, according to the law.

The discovery of the prohibitory law in this state was made following the announcement that Miss Wightman had been refused a license by a judge of the probate court to whom appeal had been made and went to Bellows Falls to wed. She had the consent of her parents but she was under the age of consent. Appeal was then made to a judge of the probate court who also refused.

Of Interest to Vermont Farmers.

The Vermont experiment station is distributing bulletin 192 dealing with the inspection of grass, clover and similar seeds sold in Vermont. It shows their purity and their weed seed contents. The tabular matter is grouped in two ways, by variety and by the wholesaler's name. Thus all the timothy samples are grouped; and, also, all samples sold, let us say, by the Smith Seed company. A farmer who is buying, for example, timothy, can scan the timothy table and tell what brands were of high grade in 1915 and what were not. And a farmer who thinks of buying Smith seed can see in the table showing all the Smith seed analyses whether or not as a rule the Smith seeds were what they were said to be.

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CALLS McADOO DISCOURTEOUS.

For Abruptly Leaving Peru with International High Commission.

Lima, Peru, April 26.—A copy of the official statement issued by the Peruvian government, accusing Secretary McAdoo and the international high commission of discourtesy in abruptly leaving Peru, was forwarded to Washington yesterday.

With it went copies of several Peruvian newspapers which charge that McAdoo's action was an outrage on the Peruvian government. The newspapers report that Secretary McAdoo ordered the cruiser Tennessee to sail a few hours after her arrival because of rumors of bubonic plague and because of fear that his party would not be permitted to stop at Panama by the health authorities. They declare that the party, therefore, put Peru in the same class with Panama, Colombia and small republics.

Nearly 100 leading business men and financiers waited for two hours at banquet tables for the arrival of the McAdoo party before learning of their departure. The newspapers assert that the incident is a severe blow to the commercial prestige of the United States in South America.

Fashion First.

"Can you alter that gown to fit me, do you think?"

"Certainly not, mademoiselle. That isn't done any more. You must be altered to fit the gown."—Life.

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